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SUBJ: TURK-CYPRIOT

AIDE MEMOIRE AND TRAVEL REGULATIONS

REF: A. ANKARA 7850; B. STATE 226838; C. NICOSIA 3672

1. DCM MET WITH MFA DIRGEN POLITICAL AFFAIRS NECDET TEZEL
MORNING OCTOBER 22. DCN RECALLED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS

HE HAD HAD WITH BATU ON SUBJECT AND NOTED THAT IN OCTOBER 2
CONVERSATION(REF A) BATU HAD INDICATED HE PROBABLY WOULD
BE GETTING IN TOUCH WITH EMBASSY TO EXPLAIN GOT POSITION IN
FURTHER DETAIL.

2. IN ENSUING CONVERSATION BOTH ON THIS TOPIC AND CYPRUS
MINES PROBLEM (SEPTTEL) IT WAS APPARENT THAT TEZEL HAD BEEN
THOROUGHLY BRIEFED.

3. TEZEL SAID GOT, WORKING WITH TURK AUTONOMOUS ADMINISTRATION
(TAA), WAS TRYING TO EASE SOME OF THE TRAVEL

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RESTRICTIONS WHICH APPLIED TO TURK CYPRIOTS AS WELL AS FOREIGNERS.

THEY WERE TRYING TO CREATE AN EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION, WHICH TOOK SOME TIME. THE POLICY OF THE TAA, SUPPORTED BY THE GOT, WAS TO ASSURE THE FREE CIRCULATION OF FOREIGNERS IN THE TURKISH AREA FOR SUCH PURPOSES AS VISITS TO RELATIVES, TOURISM, AND INSPECTION OF PROPERTY. THIS WAS GOAL THEY WERE TRYING TO REACH. BECAUSE TAA WAS NOT YET FULLY ESTABLISHED, AND BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS, POLICY HAD NOT YET BEEN FULLY IMPLEMENTED.

4. TEZEL SAID PROBLEM AFFECTED NOT ONLY AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICERS BUT ALSO THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, AND EVEN THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS. ONE BY ONE, SAID TEZEL, WE ARE TRYING TO ELIMINATE THE DIFFICULTIES. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT AT PRESENT EACH TIME AN AMERICAN CITIZEN OR AMERICAN CONSULAR OFFICER WANTED TO TRAVEL IN THE TURKISH AREA HE HAD TO GIVE PRIOR NOTICE AND OBTAIN WRITTEN PERMISSION. UNTIL WE REACH OUR INTENDED GOAL, SAID TEZEL, FOREIGNERS WOULD HAVE TO COPE WITH THE PRESENT TEMPORARY RULES, HOPEFULLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD.

5. TEZEL INSISTED ON THE USE OF THE WORD "TEMPORARY" TO DESCRIBE PRESENT RULES. HE HOPED THAT SOON THERE WOULD BE NONE AND THERE WOULD BE FREE CIRCULATION FOR EVERYBODY THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.

6. TEZEL SAID HE FORESAW NO EARLY WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENT OF PRIOR NOTICE AS PART OF PERMISSION-GRANTING PROCESS. HE CONCLUDED THAT SHOULD EMBASSY NICOSIA HAVE DIFFICULTIES, APART FROM THIS REQUIREMENT, IN OBTAINING TRAVEL AUTHORIZATIONS, THEY SHOULD RAISE THE MATTER WITH "DENKTAS AND HIS AIDES" AND SEEK THE "INFORMAL" ASSISTANCE OF THE TURKISH EMBASSY IN CYPRUS. HE DID NOT MENTION TAA IN THIS CONNECTION.

7. COMMENT: WE SUGGEST FOREGOING PRESENTATION BE ACCEPTED FOR THE TIME BEING AS "OFFICIAL GOT RESPONSE" AWAITED BY THE DEPARTMENT (REF B). TO PRESS FOR FURTHER FORMALIZATION OF GOT
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VIEWS AT THIS TIME AND IN PRESENT ATMOSPHERE (WHICH HAS SOURED DRAMATICALLY AS RESULT OF RECENT ACTION US CONGRESS) COULD WELL PRODUCE LEGALISTIC AND TENDENTIOUS REPLY THAT COULD HAUNT US IN THE FUTURE. SUBJECT TO NICOSIA'S VIEWS, AND BEARING IN MIND NICOSIA'S REPORT (REF C) THAT "INTERIM MEXICAN STANDOFF" MAY HAVE BEEN REACHED, WE THINK WE MIGHT LET THIS MATTER REST FOR AWHILE.

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